

# SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION SHREWSBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

## **MINUTES**

Regular Meeting: Tuesday, March 21, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

Location: Selectmen's Hearing Room - Municipal Office Building

**Present:** John J. Ostrosky, Chairman

Dorbert A. Thomas, Clerk

Patricia M. Banks Kenneth F. Polito

**Also Present:** Jack Perreault, Town Engineer

Brad Stone, Agent

**Absent:** Robert P. Jacques, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Ostrosky opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

# 1. Review and Approve Minutes

The Conservation Commission approved the Minutes of January 17, 2006 as submitted.

- 2. Signed bills.
- 3. Meetings and Hearings 7:05 P.M.

285-1362 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Flint

Pond Development, LLC for the construction of an over-55 residential development with a commercial component on approximately 68 acres at

180-228 Hartford Turnpike

Attending the hearing was Attorney Kevin Byrne – representing the developers; and Ben Sherman, P.E. – Associate/Project Manager from BSC Group.

Attorney Bryne said the last time they were with the Commission was in November 2005; and said they will be going to the Planning Board on April 6, 2006. He said they've been to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to get three variances, which they were granted.

Mr. Sherman listed and reviewed the following:

- 1) re-established buffer zone; this area will be a natural mix and need no maintenance;
- 2) general question regarding grading of slopes nothing changed;
- 3) operation and maintenance plan construction phasing;

- 4) providing more detailed erosion sediment control plan; he said Mr. Stone asked that utilities be shown, which Mr. Sherman said they have. He said they have proposed temporary sedimentation basins. He said they tried to provide and show temporary controls which would remain in place from one phase to the next. He said notes on the plans cover maintenance and construction phasing plans. Mr. Sherman went through a typical phasing routine and going into the next phase. He said they will be filing for NPDES permit. He commented that the big unknown is the Phase IV which they are working with the Planning Board to establish.
- 5) construction phase support will send monitoring report to the Town.

Ms. Thomas asked if all the buildings are 30 feet away from the buffer area. Mr. Sherman said they were and showed it on the plans.

Ms. Banks asked Mr. Stone if he has had time to review these plans. Mr. Stone said yes and said his only concern is the phasing, but said they are talking to them and feels they are close to ironing concerns out.

Mr. Ostrosky noted that the contractors have to follow phasing, so hopefully Engineering won't be getting a call that there is silt going in the lake. He also noted that there will be no negotiating.

Mr. Polito expressed concern that if the contractor changes the phasing, it will affect the project and said they will need to come back to the Commission for this change.

Mr. Stone re-stated regarding the phasing that what the Commission concerns are, are correct.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to April 18, 2006.

285-1371 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Flagg Palmer Realty Trust for the construction of a commercial building at 455 Hartford Turnpike, Lot 1

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to April 18, 2006, at the request of the applicant.

285-1381 Continued – Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Cutler Brown Development Co., LLP for the realignment of Nelson Point Road and the construction of a new roadway and utilities for an 18-Lot Subdivision at Nelson Point Road

Attending the hearing was Attorney David Brown and Chris Cutler – the developers; and John Bensley – the engineer from Beals and Thomas.

Mr. Bensley commented on some of Mr. Stone's comments from last month:

- 1) trail will be very narrow for walking, not for boat access and this can be put in deed restriction for each lot along it;
- 2) benches will be removed;
- 3) changed length of trail so it would not infringe on abutters;

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- 4) cut sight distance area and grass for better sight distance;
- 5) groundwater using PMP (?) basins to provide nutrients for vegetation.

Mr. Stone asked the following:

- 1) Does the walking trail affect the Riverfront? Mr. Bensley said no.
- 2) How much pruning of vegetation in Riverfront? Mr. Bensley said less than 10%.

Mr. Stone expressed concern for the infiltration basins being close to groundwater and ending up with standing water. Mr. Bensley said they are above ground water and won't have standing water. Mr. Stone said he wants an alternative design on the detention basins and thinks it should be talked about before the Planning Board meeting.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to April 18, 2006.

RDA Public Meeting regarding the Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Smita Dalvi for the construction of a sunroom addition at 20 Sinclair Road

Attending the hearing was Smita Dalvi. She said they are currently 40 feet away from wetland area, and after the sunroom they will be 22 feet away from wetland area.

Mr. Stone said that when Toll Brothers built the house, the house was actually built further away from wetland. He said the deck was not built and what they are proposing will not be any closer.

Mr. Ostrosky closed the public meeting. The Commission voted a negative determination.

285-\*\*\* Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Amorello for the construction of a single family home at 18 Woodhead Road

Attending the hearing was Joe Amorello – the homeowner; and Glenn Krevosky – the wetlands engineer.

Mr. Krevosky said they are building an addition to the house; and Mr. Amorello positioned the house so he wouldn't have to take any trees down. Mr. Krevosky asked Mr. Amorello to come up with a sequencing plan which he reviewed. He said Mr. Amorello will not be disturbing the wall.

Mr. Krevosky said none of the work is taking place outside of the drive area or outside of lawn area.

Mrs. Banks expressed concern for the tightness of the project; commenting that she feels it is threatening to the lake.

Mr. Ostrosky expressed concern for the maximization of the lot; and stated the deck is more of a concern than the house.

After much discussion, Mr. Stone suggested doing a site walk and the Commission agreed.

Mr. Ostrosky continued the hearing to April 18, 2006.

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Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Shrewsbury for the construction of roadway improvements on Grafton Street (Route 140) between Main Street and Grafton Circle

Attending the hearing were Jack Perreault – Town Engineer; Kevin Aguiar and Jenn Hupp – both from BETA Inc.

Ms. Hupp said the work will take place at four places:

- 1) The brook at Grafton Circle;
- 2) An area of Grafton Street;
- 3) An Intermittent Stream at Melody Lane;
- 4) An area at Big Bummet Brook.

Ms. Hupp said Bummet Brook has the biggest impact with the replacement of culvert crossing. She explained the culvert replacement process; and there was some discussion.

Ms. Hupp said the work will be consistent roadway all the way with curbing and sidewalks.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

285-1388 Public Hearing regarding the Notice of Intent filed by the Town of Shrewsbury for the construction of roadway improvements on Boston Turnpike (Route 9) between Dewey Road and Maple Avenue

Attending the hearing were Jack Perreault – Town Engineer; Kevin Aguiar and Jenn Hupp – both from BETA Inc.

Ms. Hupp said this work will take place at Walgreens and on Maple Avenue. She said work will be just in the buffer areas; and there will be no change in the impervious area, just changes in infrastructure.

Mr. Ostrosky officially closed the hearing.

## 4. New Business

a. Discussed/Signed Draft Orders of Conditions and Requests for Determination of Applicability

| 285-1381 | Nelson Point Subdivision – continued      |
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| 285-1362 | Residences at Flint Pond – continued      |
| RDA      | 20 Sinclair Road – negative determination |
| 285-***  | 18 Woodhead Road - continued              |
| 285-***  | Grafton Street – conditionally approved   |
| 285-1388 | Boston Turnpike - conditionally approved  |

#### 5. Old Business

## a. Discussed/Signed Certificates of Compliance

(Those marked with \* were signed by Commission. The others will be reviewed at the next regular meeting on April 18, 2006.) Mr. Stone explained the status of Stonybrook replication. He also suggested doing mailing to notify Stonybrook homeowners not to do work in wetland area.

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* 285-1215
             10 Weagle Farm Road
* 285-1072
             5 Argila Lane
* 285-1206
             7 Argila Lane
* 285-1069
             37 Stonybrook Lane
             41 Stonybrook Lane
* 285-1071
* 285-1068
             31 Stonybrook Lane
* 285-1066
             30 Stonybrook Lane
* 285-1067
             28 Stonybrook Lane
             27 Stonybrook Lane
* 285-1029
* 285-1030
             26 Stonybrook Lane
 285-1057
             20 Stonybrook Lane
* 285-954
             17 Stonybrook Lane
 285-878
             10 Weagle Farm Road
 285-959
             5 Woodchuck Hill Road
 285-1236
             Stonybrook Farm Wetlands Replication (near Weagle Farm Road)
 285-1023
             Stonybrook Farm Wetlands Replication (near Woodchuck Hill Road)
 285-885
             Stonybrook Farm II
* 285-95
             149 Memorial Drive
 285-750
             Stonybrook Farm
             Lot 107/108 Prospect Hill
* 285-1234
             6 Ashwood Circle
* 285-728
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# 6. Correspondence

## 7. Miscellaneous

## a) Enforcement Order – 75 Spring Street

Mr. Stone explained this was issued just to put them on notice for some shrub cutting and some burning. The Commission noted.

b) Mr. Polito said that the Commission's trout stocking has been scheduled for April 19, 2006, beginning at Hills Farm. Mr. Stone said he will notify Bob Terkanian; and Mr. Jacques said he will notify the necessary people at Wheelabrator. (Note: Mr. Terkanian and Wheelabrator made the monitory donations for the trout stocking to continue, after it was deleted from the FY 2006 town budget.)